

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The stock market buyers continue to push big business with lower prices as high flying company after high flying company is accused of "fixing the market." A couple of years ago when the stock market was going up and up and almost anyone could make money, just by buying any stock they heard of, we made a profit. Our comments to those few who would listen is that once the bull market came to an end, a lot of companies would then try to clean up their books with a bad quarter or so profit after stretching the principles which have bound and strengthened our land for over two centuries. Last week we heard of the Pledge of Allegiance ruling that is now being challenged in court. I do dream that the shakiness which is now being challenged could include case after case of apparent major fraud! It has never bothered me to hear of people who made millions and millions from some small investment or were paid ultra big bucks to perform management feats that seemed impossible. However, some of the cases being reported in the news lately make us more than a little mad and actually resentful. One of them they got more than us again that still does not bother us. But these folks got it by taking unfair advantage of a lot of good, honest and hard working citizens who were only seeking a reasonable financial security for themselves and their family. Now that isn't right and unfortunately a few months in jail and a million dollar fine, paid to the government and/or some lawyer, will not make things right for these thousands of good citizens.

It would be nice to be able to tell you all about the lower rehab bids that were opened last Friday, but we just don't have that info yet. The Corp. of Engineers received the bids by the 2:00 p.m. deadline last Friday, but thus far the dust hasn't settled enough for any of them to even comment. We suspect it will be after the July 4th holiday before there is any serious attempt to sort through the bids and declare a winner.

Postal rates are on everyone's mind and lips this week, due to the rate increases which took effect on Sunday. You better hold on to your hat because it isn't over yet. Here is why we say that. House Government Reform Committee chairman, Rep Dan Burton, R-Ind., predicted on frustration that without changes at the Postal Service, rates will continue to rise sharply and it's reasonable to assume that a 75-cent stamp is just around the corner. Now exactly what those changes should be is subject to debate and gauge all across the board. Even with our brilliant (I) mind and wealth of valuable experience, there is no advice to the governing board from this corner; except please fix the problems!

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service are proposing designating a number of area streams as "critical habitat" for the Gulf sturgeon (Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi). The delisting covers portions of rivers, estuaries, and the marine coastline in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. These include the Yellow, Blackwater and Shad Rivers in Alabama and Florida; Choctawhatchee and Pea Rivers in Florida and Alabama. Predictions on the impact this will have on the fish and/or fishing and commerce in the areas named varies with the person you ask. We hear some praise and we hear disgruntled voices predict doom. While there may be some economic set backs due to new rules, we can see no impact along the Pea River since there is no industry making a major negative impact on the water quality. While the chicken plant North of Elba (and some others) reports regularly to the feds on their waste water discharge, we have heard comments that they actually discharge water that is of higher quality than that which they start with.

Victoria Greer could very well be asking God to "forgive them for they know not what they are doing" after hearing that a three judge panel in California has recently ruled against the Pledge of Allegiance being recited in schools because of the words "Under God". Victoria is the daughter of Christine Greer and Shane Greer.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 24, 2002, through June 30, 2002. They were: Christine Bradley, Evelyn Knotts, Jennifer Ware, Martha Waters, Brenda Arnett, Stackhouse, Brenda Arnett, Nealy Harrelson, Ollie Hussey, Ruth Belcher, Brittany Stokes, David Beckworth, Zadie Johnson, Lucille Boswell, Jon Carney, Francis Hudson, April Johnson, Maggie Head, April McAllister, John Lee, Sheila Boswell and Francis Johnson.

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EDITORIAL

American principles under assault

by Congressman Terry Everett

More and more these days the values and moral fiber of our great nation are under assault from liberal courts and activists, who for their own selfish motives, are bent on unraveling the principles which have bound and strengthened our land for over two centuries. Last week we heard of the Pledge of Allegiance ruling that is now being challenged in court. I do dream that the shakiness which is now being challenged could include case after case of apparent major fraud!

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The nation stood in stunned disbelief when the San Francisco court's ruling last week, one had to wonder what is next? Liberal activists have already banned prayer in our schools and upheld the practice of desecrating our beloved flag. Will they now seek to remove the references to God from our money and strike them from the Presidential, Vice Presidential and Congressional oaths of office?

As Ninth Circuit Judge Ferdinand Fernandez said in his statement of dissent from the court's ruling, this action would also preclude the singing of "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" in schools.

The infamy of this ruling was matched by a case raised by a Superior Court California atheist who objected to his elementary school daughter having to recite the Pledge of Allegiance in school. Such activists will not rest until all mention of God is ruled illegal in public life.

They blindly overlook the stark evidence that their past efforts to bar God from our schools have done little to advance our society. Are our public schools replete with metal detectors, armed guards, security fencing and student violence that would rival that of the Middle East terror attacks? The better for the removal of the moral authority of God from the public classroom? That answer is quite clear, I believe.

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"Can the liberties of a nation be safe when the majority is ignorant?"

Let there be no mistake, this absolutely absurd court ruling will not go unchallenged. Last Thursday, the US House passed a resolution, which I was proud to co-sponsor, that opposed the court's ruling. The Bush Administration has been quick to launch an appeal and Congress is committed to providing what ever legislative relief is necessary to protect the integrity of our solemn and time honored Pledge of Allegiance.

The simple statement of respect and loyalty to our country has been recited in America's classrooms for generations. It also opens the legislative sessions of the US House and Senate. It is a reminder to all Americans of the freedoms we cherish so dear and duty to honor and protect them. Indeed, as Speaker Dennis Hasten noted last week, "The Pledge of Allegiance is a patriotic salute that brings people of all faiths together to share in the American spirit."

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Obituaries

REBECCA SCARBOROUGH

Mrs. Rebecca Scarborough, age 93, of Elba, Ala., formerly of Flora, died June 27, 2002, at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held June 30, 2002, at Evans Funeral Home, Elba, Ala., with Rev. Wm. C. Collins officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Whitman was preceded in death by a step-son James Howard Harper, Sr.; his wife, Mary Alice Whittman Elba, one step-daughter, Dorothy Ann Hill, and son-in-law, Dr. Raymond Hill, Lakeland, Fla.

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INA REE MARTIN

Mrs. Ina Ree Martin, age 84, of Enterprise, Ala., died June 28, 2002

CHURCH NEWS

Homecoming to be observed at Alberton Baptist Church on Sunday, July 14

Alberton Baptist Church will be observing Homecoming on the fellowship hall. A singing will be held in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend.

Benefit Singing planned at Praise and Glory Worship Center in New Brockton, July 6

There will be a benefit singing July 6th at Praise and Glory Worship Center located next to New Brockton High School. The featured singers are Lisa and Phillip Pyfrom and

Klonkyo Gospel Music Center to feature The Forehands in Concert Saturday, July 20

The Forehands, from Enterprise, Ala. will be in concert Saturday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Klonkyo Gospel Music Center, located 1/2 way

The Dixie Echoes to be in concert at the Dixon Center on the LBW Campus, Saturday, July 13

The Dixie Echoes will be at the Dixon Center on the LBW campus on July 13, 2002 beginning at 7 p.m. For more information call Don Cotton at 334-222-6120.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT....?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

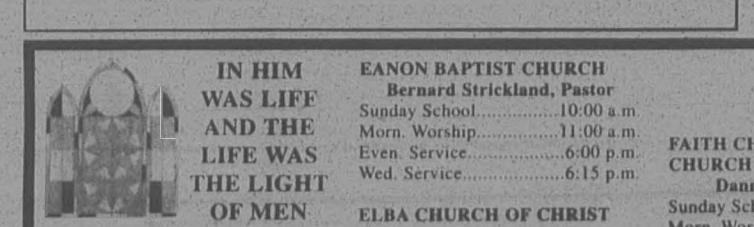
"Why Does All Churches of Christ call their preachers "minister" rather than "Pastor" or "Reverend"?"

P.W., Elba

From an examination of what the Bible teaches in giving consideration to this question, last week an answer was given as to why preachers are called ministers. It can be noted that the word "minister" is far from clear in every writing, any justification for a minister use the title "Reverend," for no man's name is as holy as the name of God. As for the title "Pastor," there is never to be just one man to be "the Pastor" in the local congregation for that distinction belongs to Christ and to Him only (1 Peter 5:4). And, there is no greater organization on earth than that of the local congregation; therefore one man does not have authority over one or more churches. In the New Testament, the church is Christ, therefore there cannot be two or more men qualified to serve to be appointed as elders (overseers, bishops, presbyters, shepherds, pastors). Also in Ephesians 4:11, where the only time the word pastor is found in the New Testament (and it is used in the plural sense) there is a clear distinction made between "evangelist" (which are preachers) and "pastors." They cannot be one in the same, for they are not also the same as apostles or prophets (Ephesians 4:11). The pastor is the overseer of the church. A pastor is if he is qualified to serve as an elder along with one or more other men in the congregation. And once again as we noticed last week, the word pastor is referring to an office not a title.

But, concerning calling the preacher "minister," we must also look to the Bible to see if we have the approval given by our Lord to do so. Do all churches of Christ call their preachers "ministers"? Not necessarily. There is no command in the New Testament that the preacher "minister." A man who serves the local congregation in preaching the gospel, can be called a preacher (Romans 10:14), an evangelist (Ephesians 4:11), or a minister (1 Timothy 4:6). This is not in giving the man's title, but in recognizing a role in which he serves in the church. In fact every Christian is a minister, for the word simply means a servant, and so it is. Grandparents, parents, teachers, and so on, can say that all churches of Christ call their preachers "ministers." I can say that whatever distinction is made in recognizing the man who preaches the gospel it must be a scriptural distinction. And it is not scriptural to call any man "Reverend," or just one man in the congregation "Pastor," I would encourage everyone to ask their so-called "Reverends" and "Pastors," by what authority do they call themselves these titles.

-Jimmy Simmons



ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Isaiah 13:1-13

Thinking of you, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr.

Rev. N.L. Robinson, Wallace Belcher, Ruth Belcher, The Whitman Siler Edwards, Pease and Jones families, O.B. Daniels, Johnnie M. Daniels, Alice Blue and James Musgrave

July 7 Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Grady and Brenda Brooks

July 2, wedding anniversary, Mary Ann Thigpen - July 2, Aleshia Gulliford - July 5, Melvin and Cathrynne Cross - July 6, wedding anniversary, Joyce B. Johnson - July 7, Evelyn B. Manning - July 8, Malik S. Kelley - July 9, Grover Purvis - July 10, and Julius Peterson

Crimson River. Singing will start at 7:00 p.m. There will be cake and pie auction and refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Revival services will be held at New Hope Baptist Church

A revival will be held at New Hope Baptist Church July 14, 2002, Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Bro. Dan Raley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Slocumb, the music leader will be Dewayne Danner.

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***Kathleen Laniette Johnson, a student at Alabama State University in Montgomery, and Ki Ki Belcher, a student at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, were guests in the home of Wiley Brooks, Juinuit, Dee Nord, and Ree'Nita in Enterprise, Ala. They attended the Oliver and Hessee Belcher family reunion.

***Elle Lester E. Hart, Sr. of Bridgeton, New Jersey visited Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba, and other relatives and friends. He also attended the Oliver and Hessee Belcher family reunion. Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria

WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

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Dothan, Ala. Rev. Phillips is well known for his powerful delivery of the Word of God and his sincere devotion to his calling. Rev. Fred L. Flowers, Pastor of Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, will serve as Presiding Officer. Music will be furnished by the Ozark District Youth Choir, under the direction of Rev. James Corbitt, Pastor of the Flora-Lockhart Circuit, accompanied by Richard Laster.

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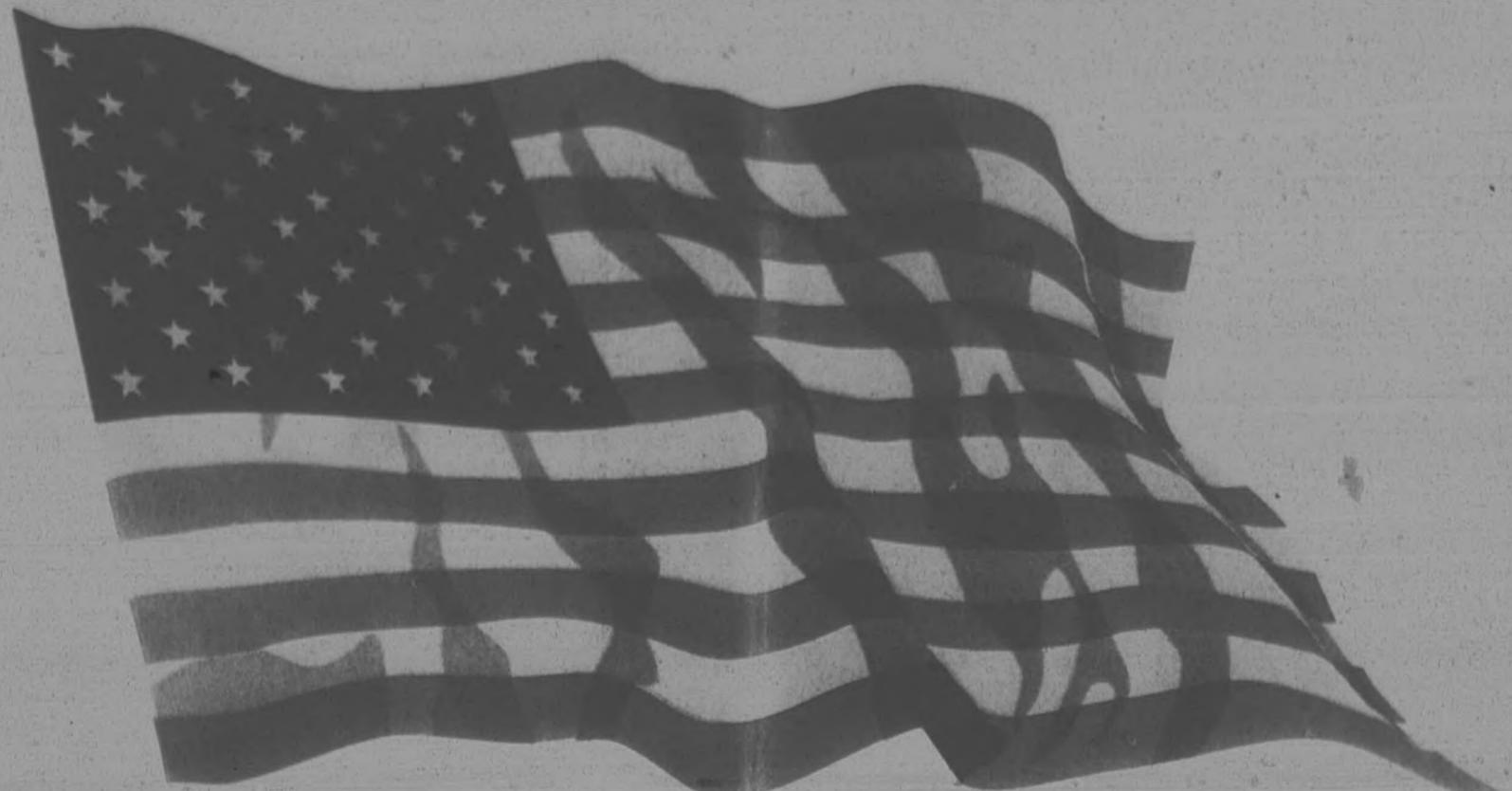
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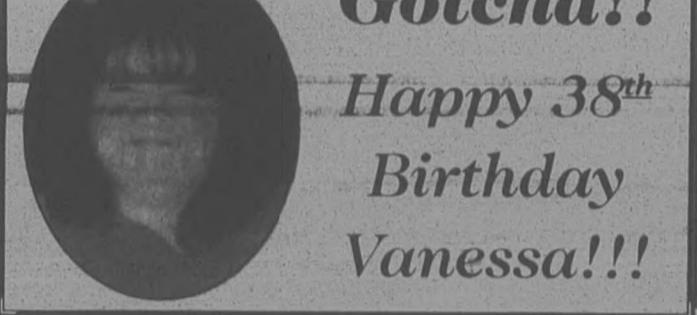
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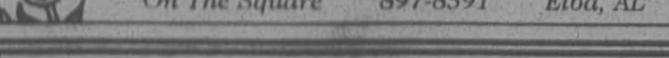
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The Coffee County Junior Miss Scholarship Program will be held July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Elba High School. The winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and first runner-up will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. A \$100 scholarship will be awarded for each preliminary - Scholastics, Talent, Poise, Physical Fitness, Interview, and the Spirit of Junior Miss award.

For reserved tickets to the event, call Tammy Ezzell at 347-2572.

Participants are listed in the accompanying photographs.



Alexis Alexandria Moore
Enterprise High School
Parents - Allen and Mary Moore



Jillian Kristina Grady
Enterprise High School
Parents - Dr. Ernest J. Grady & Sandra Cybaugh



Amanda Lucille Moring
Enterprise High School
Parents - Luckey and Linda Moring



Melanie McGlothren
New Brockton High School
Parents - Chuck & Susan McGlothren

COMMUNITY NEWS

MEET

(Continued from Page One)

tax for New Brockton on a home valued at \$80,000 would be \$56.

Cole said the council had estimated that an ad valorem tax increase could generate approximately \$7,941 per year for the town.

The fifth item brought to the attention of the citizens was the idea of increasing the sewer rates by \$1 per month.

McMonagle said the last time the sewage rates were increased was 1995, and this would generate an additional \$490 per month or \$5,880 per year for the town.

A tobacco tax was the next item discussed, and Cole said the only tobacco product currently being taxed in the Town of New Brockton is cigarettes.

Rental tax was the next item

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would bring a projected \$2,000

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I didn't realize how long the ball season had been until over the weekend when Melania told me her glove was coming apart, her cleats had holes in them and her pants didn't even reach her socks. I am sure we can work on her glove and make it last several more years, while I will admit her shoes were hand-me-downs from big sister and probably do need replacing. As for the pants, I can't believe she has grown that much over the past three months, but will agree that they are short. Oh well, it looks like next season she will get to do some shopping.

SWINGS AND MISSES...

The Dixie Dixie Boys All-Star teams made the trip up to Troy last week and while both teams were eliminated in two games, the teams played hard and made their fans proud. The 13-year-old Stars dropped a pair of close decisions and with a break or two could have won both games and maybe played for the title, while the 14-year-old Stars never got on track and suffered two big losses. The players and coaches for the teams worked hard in preparation for the tournaments, and win or lose they represented Elba well and let their opponents know that they had come to play.

*** The Dixie Dixie Boys All-Star tournament is being held this week in Elba at Hawkins-Williams Park, and after a wet opening night, the tournament has really gone well. The Recreation staff has made all the fans feel at home and has kept the fields in immaculate condition, while all the players from all the towns have played hard and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. This is the first time Elba has played host to a Dixie Softball event, but so far things have gone great and I am sure that over the years the city will host many more tournaments.

*** The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars needed almost twenty-four hours and two round trip tickets to Troy to claim a 20-5 opening round win over Luverne. The All-Stars jumped ahead early and never looked back in claiming the win. However, other teams left in the event are from Troy, Andalusia, Greenville and Opp, and the "small town" All-Stars from Elba will have to play their best to keep the wins coming.

*** The Elba Dixie Minor All-Stars almost pulled off a shocking upset over the Enterprise Americans in the opening round of their tournament down in Geneva. The All-Stars battled the heavily favored Enterprise team to a 7-5 score heading into the bottom of the sixth and loaded the bases with no outs, only to fail to score and suffer the heart-breaking defeat. The closeness of the game once again proves that the Elba All-Stars can compete with any team around, no matter the size of the league.

*** In closing...an Elba Tiger football fan asked me last week if I knew Elba's football schedule for the upcoming 2002 season and while I didn't know the dates off the top of my head, I promised him I would put it in the paper this week. Okay Tiger fans, here is this year's Elba High football schedule...

August 23 - Samson, in Elba (presason game), August 30 - Brantley, in Elba - Central of Hayneville, in Hayneville; September 13 - W.S. Neal, in Elba; September 20 - Pike County, Brundidge; September 27 - Calhoun, in Elba; October 4 - T.R. Miller, in Elba; October 11 - Straughn, in Straughn; October 18 - Calhoun, in Elba (Homecoming); October 25 - Clarke County, in Grove Hill; November 1 - Gadsden County, in Hartford.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY!!!!



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NEW BROCKTON 5-K WINNERS...the New Brockton Centennial 5-K race was held on June 15, 2002, with a fast field taking part in the annual event. Winners included (l-r) winner - Brad Adkins, of Jasper; second-place - Kellen Cole, of New Brockton; and third place - Randy Danford, of New Brockton.

Elba Dixie Belles open tourney with 20-5 win over Luverne

The Elba Dixie Belles All-Stars began tournament action last weekend in Troy at the Dixie Softball Sub-District 1 Belles Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament and overcame the weather and an overnight rain delay to post a 20-5 win over Luverne All-Stars.

Luverne managed to cut the lead to 11-5 in the bottom of the second and then limited the Elba All-Stars to only one run over the next two innings. However, Elba came back following an overnight rain delay and plated six runs in the top of the fifth to grab a 20-5 lead and ice the win. Melania Mularz combined to open the fifth inning uprising, while Krystan Parker added an RBI single.

Valarie Hutcherson got 3 hits, knocked off 4 runs and scored 2 runs to lead the Elba All-Stars to the plate, while Krystan Parker added 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Luverne at the plate, while Rachelle Smith, Sherika Brantley and Kayla McGough all added 1 hit. Carrie Kervin, Suzanna Cefield, Adriana Scofield and Holly Ham all had 1 hit for Opp.

ANDALUSIA 13 LUVERNE 9

The Andalusia All-Stars stayed alive in the double elimination event with an 11-6 win over the Luverne All-Stars, in opening round action. Luverne came on ready to play and jumped out to an 8-3 third inning lead, only to see Andalusia rally in the top of the fourth, and held off a late Opp rally to claim the big 11-6 win. Adrienne Grimes got 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Luverne at the plate, while Rachelle Smith, Sherika Brantley and Kayla McGough all added 1 hit. Carrie Kervin, Suzanna Cefield, Adriana Scofield and Holly Ham all had 1 hit for Opp.

GREENVILLE 24 ANDALUSIA 5

The Greenville All-Stars exploded for 14 runs in the third inning to blow open a 1-4 win over the Andalusia All-Stars in the winning bracket action. The score was tied 3-3 after one inning, but Greenville combined six walks with two hits in the second inning to grab a 10-3 lead, and then exploded for 14 runs in the bottom of the third to take command and post the lopsided 24-5 win. Brittany Whitehead had 4 hits to lead Greenville at the plate, while Hailey Burnett added 3 hits and Brittny Dickey and Carrie Coker both added 2 hits. Breann Daniels had 1 hit for Andalusia.

The roster for the South team in baseball was announced last week, with the only area players

on the squad being outfielders Wesley Wright, of Goshen; and Rick Pruitt, of G.W. Long.

The roster for the North team in softball was also announced and Nicole Woodard, of Gulf Shores was the only player of local interest named to the squad.

The roster for the South volleyball squad was also announced, with no area players named to the all-star team.

All players selected were upcoming seniors in high school.

Prep All-Stars named for All-Star Sports Week in Montgomery

The Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association will host its sixth annual "Alabama All-Star Sports Week" on July 15-20, in Montgomery, with activities to include all-star games in volleyball, basketball and fast-pitch softball, as well as clinics and sessions for coaches, athletic directors, cheerleader coaches and officials.

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SPORTS

Boys and girls urged to sign up early

Football and cheerleader registration has been extended until July 15 in Elba

Youth football registration has been extended in Elba until July 15 for all boys and girls ages 7-12. Teams will be divided into Midget (ages 7-8), Termites (ages 9-10) and Pee Wee (ages 11-12) with a players age being based upon their age on August 1, 2002. All players that register during the sign-up period will be guaranteed a spot on a team roster, while all players that register after the deadline will be added to a team only

if that team had not reached its limit of players. Registration fee is \$20 per player and equipment may be rented from the Recreation Department for \$20 for the season.

Practice will begin the first week of August, with the opening games set for the first week in September. The season will consist of seven games and all games will be played on Saturday nights, with half of the games to be played in other

important that girls register now! Cheerleading squads will be based upon a girls age on August 1, 2002, and there will be three squads. Midgets will be girls ages 7-8, termites will be for ages 9-10 and pee-wee will be for ages 11-12. There will be no mascots. Registration is \$20 per cheerleader, and includes a camp to be held prior to the season. For more information call the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation at 897-6833.

Registration for youth football cheerleaders in Elba will be held from June 15-July 1 at the Elba Recreation Center. Cheerleader registration is for the fall youth football program, and is being held early to help parents and squad mothers order cheerleader uniforms and supplies for those that plan to cheer during the 2002 season. The football program will begin practice in August, and it is

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Saturday, July 6

Game 4 (6:00) - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser

Game 5 (8:00) - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner

Tuesday, July 9

Game 6 (6:00) - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner

Game 7 (8:00) - Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner

Wednesday, July 10

Game 10 (7:00) - Game 9 winner vs. Game 8 winner

Thursday, July 11

Game 11 (7:00) - If needed

The "Tournament Trail"

Dixie Youth Baseball, In Samson

Friday, July 5

Game 1 (4:00) - Hartford vs. Geneva

Game 2 (6:00) - Elba vs. Enterprise Nationals

Game 3 (8:00) - Enterprise Americans vs. Samson

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Elba "Volleyball Camp 2002" set for July 22-25 at Elba High Gym

The Elba Volleyball Camp 2002 will be held on July 22-25 at the Elba High School gymnasium with Lady Tiger Coach Amelia Rhodes as the clinician.

Session 1 will be held each day from 9:00 AM until 12:00 (noon), and will consist of beginning skills and techniques of volleyball for girls in grades 4-7. Session 2 will be held daily from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM, and will include basic skills and techniques of volleyball for girls in grades 8-9, and intermediate and advanced skills, techniques

and strategies of volleyball for girls in grades 10-12.

A mini-tournament will be held on July 25, with parents invited to attend beginning at 10:00 AM.

The cost of the camp is \$60 per person, and checks should be made payable to Coach Amelia Rhodes. For more information, contact Coach Rhodes at 897-2266 (school) or 565-3240 (home). Checks may be mailed to Amelia Rhodes, 1817 County Road 464, Kinston, Alabama 36453.

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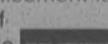
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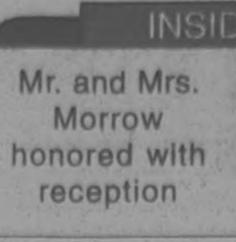
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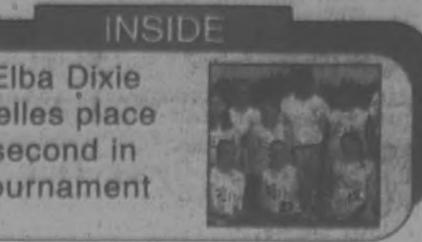
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County BOE approves personnel changes during "called" meeting

Mark Coale assumes position as principal at Kinston



Mark Coale began his new job as principal at Kinston on Tuesday, July 9. Coale will oversee grades K-12 at the Kinston School facility. His employment was approved by the Coffee County Board of Education during a "called" meeting Monday, July 8.

Eiba Water & Electric board meeting reveals
Volunteer fee nets \$5,375 for local schools in first month

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water & Electric Board held its monthly meeting Monday evening as highlighted with the promotion of Terry Pike from "acting" Electric Department Supervisor to Supervisor. The action was taken after a short executive session of the board, called at the request of Chairman Tim Johnson.

The board members approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$16,698.60. This included \$7,635.00 for purchase of new transformers, \$2,303.80 for water chemicals, \$5,089.68 for electricity at pumping stations, etc., \$4,232.45 for equipment repairs at Goshen Tractor Co., \$73,92 for other chemicals, \$2,189.72 "new working" signs, \$5,498.72 electric maintenance, \$5,215.67 water maintenance, \$1,293.21 vehicle repairs and

\$1,618.90 office expenses.

The Elba Water & Electric Board collected \$5,375 in volunteer fees.

Board members responded to 37 work orders ranging from trimming tree limbs to repairing street lights, connecting and disconnecting street lights and adding electric service to homes.

The water department responded to 61 work orders dominated with repairing water leaks and installing 15 back flow devices in water lines at monthly basis.

During Monday evening's meeting, the board approved six other personnel matters with each of those passing by a unanimous vote. Each matter involved certified personnel and the following matters were approved:

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Elba City Council fails to approve cost of living raise

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday evening without Mayor James Grimes, who was out of town attending an Electric Cities membership meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Hammond presided over an uneventful meeting in his absence. Also absent was council member L. M. Birch.

The council had no surprises, following the pre-announced agenda from beginning to end.

Named to a term on the Elba Recreation Board was Mark Henderson.

The council approved supporting the program, "Making Academics Cool." This project is in cooperation with the State of Alabama State Board of Education and the local public school systems. By participating in the program, the city agrees to ask potential employees for a transcript of their high school grades and/or high school diploma, sending a clear message to students stressing the importance of staying in school and making good grades.

The council failed to approve a cost of living increase for retired employees when there was no motion from any council member. However, it asked these times if there was a motion to accept the recommendation and pass the resolution, but none

Monthly bills totaling \$11,828.81 were approved for payment. Major bills included \$3,163.11 for vehicle and equipment repair; \$418.00 for police

and \$654.15 for chemicals and fertilizer.

Council members were given summary reports from both the police department and the animal control officer.

The police made 143 traffic arrests and issued 107 warnings. This is from the previous month of July and 87

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Area Happenings

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB will meet Monday, July 15, at 7 p.m. in the boy's locker room at Elba High School. All members are encouraged to attend.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY The library will present Summer of Mystery, the summer reading program, at 10 a.m. on July 16.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN OF COFFEE COUNTY will meet at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Bell Weevil Circle on Wed., July 17, at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. Speakers will be Wess Howell, candidate for State Rep. Dist. 91, and Greg White, candidate for State Senate Dist. 31. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM MacArthur State Technical College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division will offer a AARP Driver Safety Program on Wednesday, July 24, and Thursday, July 25, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon each day. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course specially designed for motorists age 50 and older. The course helps drivers refine driving skills and develops safe defensive driving techniques. For more information, call 334-666-2144.

KELLEY has been a resident on the road for more than 20 years, and there are 11 families

head football coach at Zion Chapel High School.

In regards to Zion Chapel, Ingram provided an update on the ball field being constructed through funds provided by Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and the Coffee County Commission.

Ingram said the light poles have been put in the ground, and workers currently are marking spots and digging holes for the fence to be put up. Also, she said the person contracted for

the irrigation work is ready to begin his process once the fencing is in place.

In other business, the board

Approved the bid for copy paper (domestic) to Strickland Paper of Montgomery. The company provided the low bid at \$19,70 per case.

Rejected all bids for the cleaning of carpet and tile at the schools. Based on the bids received, Ingram said she felt this project could be done a different way with better results.

Youngsters learn to swim at Elba City Pool



Many local youngsters recently took advantage of an opportunity to learn to swim at the Elba City Pool. The lessons were taught by the lifeguards at the city pool, and as the photo shows, there was a huge interest as several youngsters attended the week long classes. Throughout the week, the students were taught the basics of swimming. Above, they were able to take turns jumping off the diving board as the course instructors assisted them. The swimming lessons are offered each summer by the recreation department.

Jim Folsom home ready to be moved

County Commission donates land to City of Elba

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission entertained requests Monday morning, July 8, from county residents on two separate issues during the regular bimonthly meeting of the commission.

Jeraldean Thomas was the first county resident to speak to the commission, and her request involved a house located on county property in Enterprise.

Thomas said she was addressing the commission with a proposal to allow her to live in the house on the county's property next to the old courthouse in Enterprise. She said she would maintain the property with there being no cost to the county.

A resolution was approved agreeing to cooperate with the

Alabam a Department of Transportation in providing pedestrian safety improvements at various locations within the City of Elba.

Stanley Walker, from the Coffee County Extension Service, offered a resolution, which the council approved, supporting the program, "Making Academics Cool." This project is in cooperation with the State of Alabama State Board of Education and the local public school systems. By participating in the program, the city agrees to ask potential employees for a transcript of their high school grades and/or high school diploma, sending a clear message to students stressing the importance of staying in school and making good grades.

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is currently living on the road. "I know we're having trouble getting the deeds signed," he said. "We're asking for your help."

Kelley explained to commissioners a need to have the road paved because of dangerous travel conditions. He said cars can not pass one another on the road because it is so narrow.

County administrator Wilson McCallum said the county's building authority actually owns the property. He said he was scheduled to attend a meeting of the building authority on Tuesday evening, and he would ask the authority at that time what it would like to do about Thomas' proposal.

Bernest Brooks said the county's building authority actually owns the property. He said he would like to know the building authority's position on the issue before he made a comment.

The next resident to address the commission was a representative of the Alabama Department of Transportation. He said he would like to know the building authority's position on the issue before he made a comment.

"Sounds like we are really close if all but one deed is signed," Tindell said. "We have surveyed this road several times."

He said the proposed route had been moved here and there in an effort to try and satisfy everyone on the road while still maintaining a safe route.

The commission and county engineer agreed to continue working with the residents in trying to find a solution to this issue so the paving project can

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